

REMARKS

Applicant expresses appreciation to the Examiner for consideration of the subject patent application. This amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed January 4, 2005. Claim 58 was objected to. Claims 55-56, 67-76, and 81-83 were rejected. The claims have been amended to address the concerns raised by the Examiner.

Claims 1-87 were originally presented. Claims 1-54, 57, 59-66, 77-80, and 84-87 remain in the application. Claims 55, 56, 58, 67-76, and 81-83 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1, 3, 35, 37, 38, 54, 57, 59, 61, 63, 84, and 86 have been amended. No claims have been added. Claims 1, 3, 35, 37, 38, 54, 59, 61, 63, 84, and 86 have been amended to correct minor typographical errors. No new matter has been entered. The subject matter of claim 58 was amended into claim 57. The amended claims are supported by the original specification.

The indication of allowable claims 1-54, 59-66, 77-80, and 84-87, and the indication of allowable subject matter in claim 58, if rewritten in independent form, is acknowledged with appreciation.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 55-57, 67-76, and 81-83 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Winey, US Patent No. 3,919,499 in view of Winey, US Patent No. 3,674,946.

Claims 55 and 56 have been canceled without prejudice. Claim 58 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, the subject matter of claim 58 has been amended into independent claim 57.

Claim 58 has been canceled without prejudice. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 57 is allowable, and urges the Examiner to withdraw the rejection.

Claims 67-76 and 81-83 have been canceled without prejudice.

Drawing Amendments

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to FIGs. 2, 4, 12, 15, and 20. These sheets, which include FIGs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 24, 25, and 26, replace the original sheets containing FIGs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 24, 25, and 26.

FIG. 2 (sheet 1) has been changed to include the callouts 19 and 35 to be consistent with the description in specification paragraph 0011.

FIG. 4 (sheet 2) has been changed to correct callout 35d which should be callout 35e, to be consistent with the description in specification paragraph 0065.

FIG. 12 (sheet 4) has been changed to include callout 53S to be consistent with the description in specification paragraph 0178

FIG. 15 (sheet 5) has been changed to include callouts 21 and 30b to be consistent with the description in specification paragraph 0137.

FIG. 20 (sheet 10) has been changed to include callout 25 to be consistent with the description in specification paragraph 0145.

Attachment: Replacement sheets

CONCLUSION

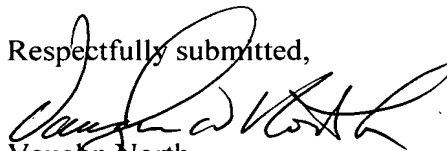
In light of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1-54, 57, 59-66, 77-80, and 84-87 are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicant requests that the rejections and objections be withdrawn, and that the claims be allowed and passed to issue. If any impediment to the allowance of these claims remains after entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is strongly encouraged to call Vaughn North at (801) 566-6633 so that such matters may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

No claims were added. Therefore, no additional fee is due.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or to credit any overpayment in connection with this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 20-0100.

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